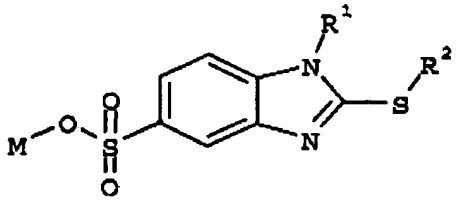
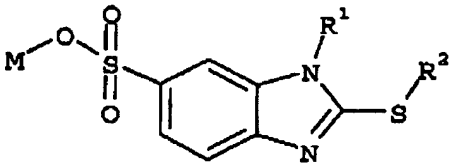
[PROPOSED] AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

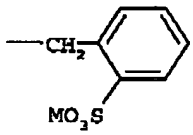
1. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by formula (I):



or a compound represented by formula (II):



or a mixture of at least one compound represented by formula (I) with at least one compound represented by formula (II), wherein M is hydrogen, an alkali atom or an ammonium group; R^1 is hydrogen,

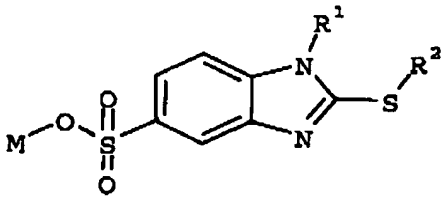


a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group or a group; R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 6 to 25 carbon atoms; and m is an integer between 1 and 5.

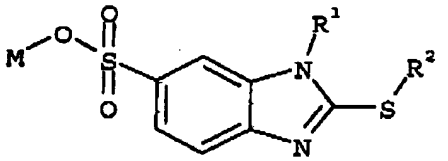
2. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compound~~ according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and ~~n is~~ R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 24 carbon atoms.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compound~~ according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and ~~n is~~ R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 16 carbon atoms.

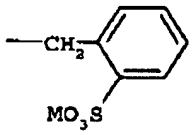
4. (Currently Amended) A process ~~using~~ for preparing a photographic material comprising a support and one or more layers, the process comprising the steps of providing the support and applying the one or more layers onto the support, wherein at least one of the one or more layers comprises a photosensitive silver halide and at least one compound represented by formula (I):



or at least one compound represented by formula (II):



or a mixture of at least one compound represented by said formula (I) and at least one compound represented by said formula (II), wherein M is hydrogen, an alkali atom or an ammonium group; R^1 is



hydrogen, a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group or a group; R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 6 to 25 carbon atoms; and m is an integer between 1 and 5~~, as a surfactant~~.

5. (New) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is represented by formula (I).

6. (New) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is represented by formula (II).

7. (New) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is a mixture of at least one compound represented by formula (I) with at least one compound represented by formula (II).

8. (New) The compound according to claim 5, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 24 carbon atoms.

9. (New) The compound according to claim 8, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 16 carbon atoms.

10. (New) The compound according to claim 6, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 24 carbon atoms.

11. (New) The compound according to claim 10, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 16 carbon atoms.

12. (New) The compound according to claim 7, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 24 carbon atoms.

13. (New) The compound according to claim 12, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 16 carbon atoms.

14. (New) The process according to claim 4, wherein the compound is represented by formula (I).

15. (New) The process according to claim 4, wherein the compound is represented by formula (II).

16. (New) The process according to claim 4, wherein the compound is a mixture of at least one compound represented by formula (I) with at least one compound represented by formula (II).

17. (New) The process according to claim 14, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 24 carbon atoms.

18. (New) The process according to claim 17, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 16 carbon atoms.

19. (New) The process according to claim 15, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 24 carbon atoms.

20. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 16 carbon atoms.

21. (New) The process according to claim 16, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 24 carbon atoms.

22. (New) The process according to claim 21, wherein R^1 is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 12 to 16 carbon atoms.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.